foreign exchange earnings of 9.6 percent has been forecasted for the year 1999-2000.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The percentage of business tourists to the total tourists during 1998 was 5.1.

Relaxation in Coastal Zone Regulation to Promote Tourism

2132. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport and Tourism in its 31st report recommended that coastal zone regulations (CRZ) should be relaxed for the development of special tourist areas projects; and

(b) if so, details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Tourism has taken up the matter with coastal area states for elucidating the specific difficulties faced by them in light of coastal zone regulations notified by the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

Strategy for Environment-Friendly Tourism in Andaman

2133. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that development strategy for environmentally sustainable tourism in the Andaman has been prepared with the WTO/UNDP assistance; and

(b) if so, the details of the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) Yes, Sir.